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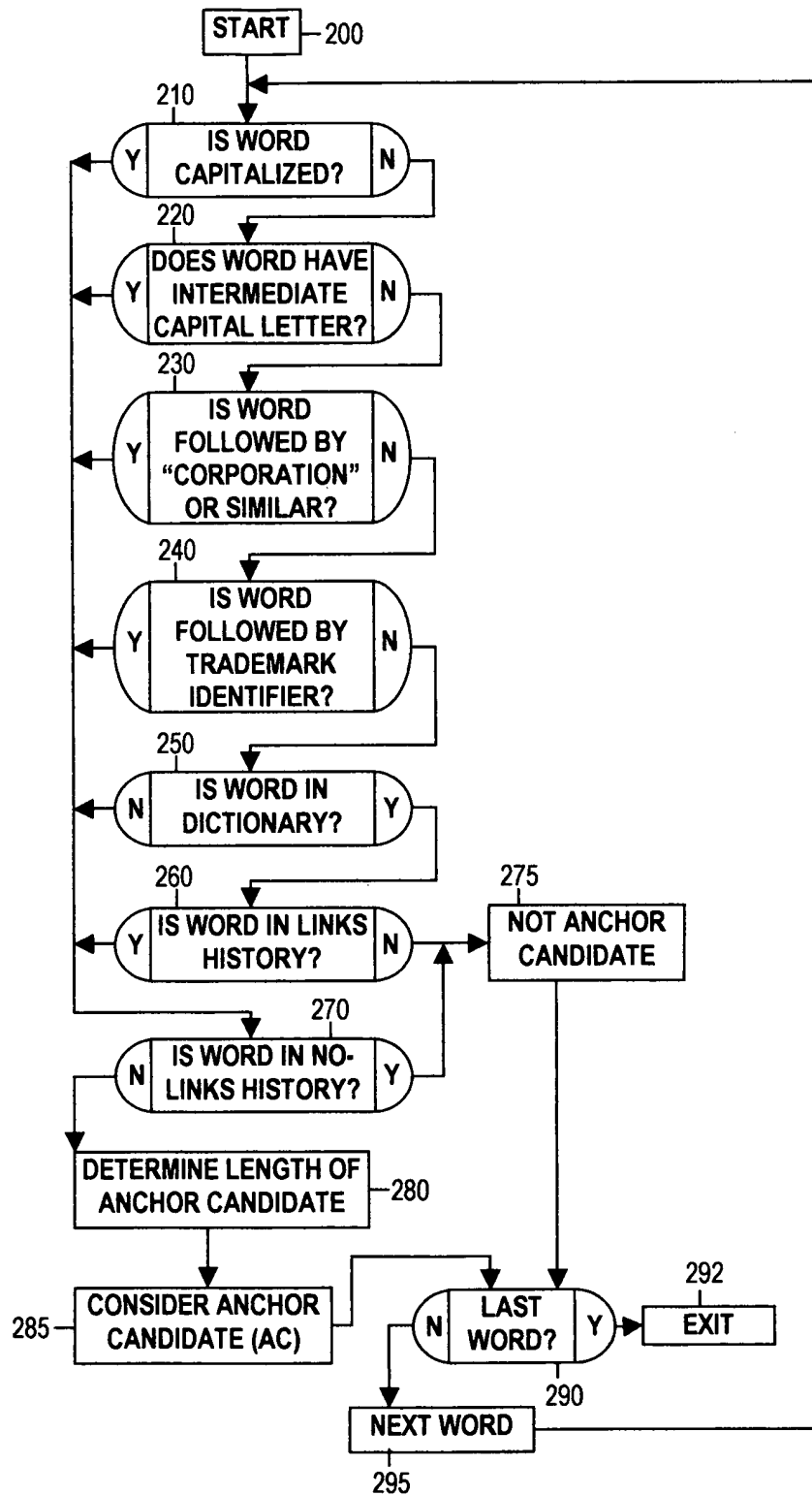


TABLE 1: "SELECTED LINK"

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	LOTUS		WWW.LOTUS.COM						
	EMMS		WWW.IBM.COM/SOFTWARE/EMMS		W3.IBM.COM/SOFTWARE/EMMS				
	DB2		WWW.IBM.COM/SOFTWARE/DATA/DB2						
	NYLON		NONE						

FIG. 7